



# Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Newsletter

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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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## **EOPSS Funding Opportunities**

### **Grants to Encourage Arrest and Enforcement of Protection Orders Grant Program: Sexual Assault Curriculum Developer**

**Application Deadline: January 3, 2008**

The Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, Office of Grants & Research seeks applications to update and develop the sexual assault law enforcement training curriculums for the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC). Eligible applications include: state government agencies, state supported universities, local units of government, independent contractors, non-profit agencies, and community based organizations.

For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/eops> (click on Justice and Prevention and VAWA STOP Grant Program) or contact Diane Deangelis at [diane.deangelis@state.ma.us](mailto:diane.deangelis@state.ma.us).

### **Grants to Encourage Arrest and Enforcement of Protection Orders Grant Program: Domestic Violence Curriculum Developer**

**Application Deadline: January 3, 2008**

The Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, Office of Grants & Research seeks applications to update and develop the domestic violence law enforcement training curriculums for the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC). Eligible applications include: state government agencies, state supported universities, local units of government, independent contractors, non-profit agencies, and community based organizations.

For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/eops> (click on Justice and Prevention and VAWA STOP Grant Program) or contact Diane Deangelis at [diane.deangelis@state.ma.us](mailto:diane.deangelis@state.ma.us).

### **2007-2008 Statewide Bicycle Helmet Distribution Program**

**New Application Deadline: January 11, 2008**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of \$210,000 in federal funds for bicycle helmets to a maximum of 500 Massachusetts communities and organizations. The program aims to help reduce bicycle, skateboard, roller-blade, and scooter-related fatalities and injuries. Police and fire departments, schools, service and community groups, and public health organizations are invited to apply. Those serving populations under 75,000 will be eligible for 50 helmets; over 75,000 will be eligible for 150 helmets. Anticipated posting December 3-7, 2007.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding) (click on Highway Safety) or contact Darline Duncan, Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3302 [Darline.Duncan@state.ma.us](mailto:Darline.Duncan@state.ma.us).

### **2007-2008 Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Equipment Grants**

**New Application Deadline: January 11, 2008**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of \$400,000 in federal funds for communities and organizations to purchase child passenger safety seats and equipment for CPS checkpoints and fitting stations, especially those serving low-income and diverse populations. Communities and organizations are eligible if they have a certified CPS technician with a valid certification number or if a member of the department or organization has recently attended a 32-hour CPS technician class and is awaiting certification. Anticipated posting December 3-7, 2007.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding) (click on Highway Safety) or contact Darline Duncan, Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3302 [Darline.Duncan@state.ma.us](mailto:Darline.Duncan@state.ma.us).

### **2007-2008 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: Rolling Open Enrollment through August 2008**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of over \$3.6 million in federal funds for high visibility traffic enforcement and equipment grants beginning December 2007 through September 2008. Funds are available for local police and campus police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled “Click It or Ticket,” “Road Respect,” and “Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.” In addition, participating grant departments will be eligible to purchase traffic safety equipment, signage, and materials after July 1, 2008 upon successful completion of selected 2007-2008 enforcement mobilizations.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding) (click on Highway Safety) or contact Caroline Hymoff, Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3334 [Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us](mailto:Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us).

## **Other Funding Opportunities**

### **Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program FY 2008 Competitive Grant Announcement**

#### **Application Deadline: December 13, 2007**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding under the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program. G.R.E.A.T. funds may be used to support one or more of the following G.R.E.A.T. curricula, components, and activities: 13-week middle school curriculum (a core, mandatory component); 6-week elementary (4th and 5th grades) curriculum; 6-lesson G.R.E.A.T. families component; or G.R.E.A.T. summer component. Applications may be submitted for any amount based on the level of the project, for a maximum award of \$150,000, and applicants are encouraged to request only the amount necessary to deliver the proposed program. Applicants are limited to state, local, or tribal jurisdictions or their respective law enforcement agencies, including school police, housing authority police, prosecution, probation, and parole agencies possessing the power of arrest.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08GREATsol.pdf>.

### **Capital Case Litigation Initiative FY 2008 Competitive Grant Announcement**

#### **Application Deadline: January 3, 2008**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to provide capital litigation training to improve the quality of representation and reliability of verdicts in state court capital cases. The purpose of the initiative is to provide high-quality training and technical assistance on death penalty issues to attorneys and judges who litigate death penalty cases, to help ensure reliable jury verdicts and minimize post-conviction litigation. Eligible applicants are limited to state, local, and tribal agencies and to state-based non-governmental organizations that serve defense counsel, prosecutors, or judges and are located in states that have the death penalty.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08CCLIsol.pdf>.

### **Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program**

**Application Deadline: Open (an application for funding or technical assistance should be submitted to the OVC Director as soon as practical following a terrorist or mass violence incident)**

The Office for Victims of Crime developed the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program to provide timely assistance to jurisdictions to address victim needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants can apply for funds for only two situations: to compensate and assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur within the United States, or to assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur outside the United States. The funds available through the program may supplement other resources and services available to jurisdictions responding to acts of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants eligible for funding include state victim assistance and victim compensation programs; public agencies including federal, state, and local governments; and victim service and non-governmental organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/txt/antiterrorapplication.pdf>.

### **Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program**

**Application Deadline: Open (contingent upon funding availability)**

The Office for Victims of Crime will provide up to \$10,000 each to grassroots community – and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to help them improve their outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers. Eligible applicants include organizations and coalitions operating for at least 1 year that have not received federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance grant funding and that have an annual operating budget of \$50,000 or less. All applicants must also have a history of serving crime victims.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>.

## **Research and Publications**

### **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Witness Protection Program: An Overview of Cases in Fiscal Year 2007**

The Research and Policy Analysis Division of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security recently released this report which presents information on witness protection services in Massachusetts between May 1, 2006 and the end of Fiscal Year 2007 (June 30, 2007). Data in this report are taken from the witness protection petitions filed by the Attorney General and District Attorneys' offices. Analyses are presented in the following sections: witness protection case characteristics, witness characteristics, incident characteristics, and costs.

Access full text at: <http://www.mass.gov/eops> (click on Publications and Reports).

### **Juvenile Court Statistics 2003-2004**

Published by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and prepared by the National Center for Juvenile Justice, this report examines delinquency cases handled between 1985 and 2004 and petition status offense cases handled between 1995 and 2004 by U.S. courts with juvenile jurisdiction. The data used in the report were contributed to the National Juvenile Court Data Archive by nearly 2,000 courts with jurisdiction over 75% of the juvenile population in 2004. Topics include trends since 1985 and county and state data for 2003 and 2004.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/218587.pdf>.

### **Pretrial Release of Felony Defendants in State Courts**

The Bureau of Justice Statistics recently published this report which presents an overview of pretrial release data. Data was collected from a representative sample of felony cases filed in the 75 largest U.S. counties in May during even-numbered years from 1990 to 2004. Topics include: trends on pretrial release rates; types of release used; pretrial release rates by arrest offense, demographic characteristics, and criminal history; characteristics of released and detained defendants; and rates of pretrial misconduct.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/prfdsc.pdf>.

### **Cocaine Smuggling in 2006**

The Office of National Drug Control Policy released this report which summarizes information associated with cocaine smuggling during 2006. Topics include: coca cultivation and production; cocaine trafficking routes and methods; and cocaine seizures.

Access full text at: [http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/cocaine\\_smuggling/cocaine\\_smuggling06.pdf](http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/cocaine_smuggling/cocaine_smuggling06.pdf).

### **Unidentified Human Remains in the United States, 1980-2004**

The Bureau of Justice Statistics recently published this report which examines the number of unidentified persons reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Death Index. The report details the number of unidentified person by State, from 1980 to 2004, as well as the number of unidentified human remains reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Crime Information Center Unidentified Person File. Included in the report are race and gender characteristics and manner of death of the unidentified persons.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/uhrus04.pdf>.

### **Identity Theft, 2005**

The Bureau of Justice Statistics recently published this report which presents findings from the first year of data available after questions regarding identity theft victimization and its consequences were added to the National Crime Victimization Survey in 2004. Data was collected from interviews of a nationally representative sample of 40,000 household residents who knew about discoveries of identity theft of anyone in their household during the previous 6 months. Highlights include age, race, and ethnicity of the household head; household income and demographics; and characteristics of the theft including economic loss, how the theft was discovered, whether misuse is ongoing, and problems experienced as a result of identity theft.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/it05.pdf>.

### **State Court Organization, 1987-2004**

The Bureau of Justice Statistics recently published this report which analyzes trend data from State Court Organization data collections from 1987 to 2004. Specifically, this report examines change and stability in the organization and operations of U.S. state trial and appellate courts. Topics include: judicial selection and educational requirements; regulations of criminal and civil juries; the development of unified court systems; and modifications in court management and staffing to address growing caseloads.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/sco8704.pdf>.

## Conferences and Trainings

### **radKIDS Personal Empowerment Safety Education Instructor Training Program**

**December 3-5, 2007 in Sturbridge, MA**

Hosted by Sturbridge Police Department, the radKIDS Instructor Training Program is a 3-day certification course focusing on the radKIDS core curriculum. Participants receive information on teaching children and parents about school safety, home safety, out-and-about safety, vehicle safety, strangers and tricks, and personal safety. The radKIDS program is a national leader in children's safety education and provides a practical and realistic life skills safety program for children and parents.

For more information: contact the Sturbridge Police Department or go to [www.radKIDS.org](http://www.radKIDS.org).

### **2007 National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA)**

**December 9-14, 2007 in Linthicum Heights, MD**

Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime, the NVAA provides education and skill-based classroom trainings for professionals/providers/volunteers who work with victims and survivors of crime. The 2007 NVAA includes three tracks tailored to the various skill levels and needs of participants: foundation-level training; specialized training; and the leadership institute.

For more information: <https://www.ovcttac.org/nvaa2007/>.

### **“Train-the-Trainer” Workshop: Choose to Refuse, a Heroin and OxyContin Prevention Education Program**

**December 13, 2007 in Salem, MA**

Hosted by the Essex District Attorney's Office, this “train the trainer” workshop will focus on the Choose to Refuse, a Heroin and OxyContin Prevention Education Program and the newly developed presentation Choose 2 Refuse (including a video of youth in recovery). All participants will receive copies and brochures for both programs. Workshop participation is free; registration is required.

For more information call the Juvenile Justice Unit at (978) 745-6610 x 5082, 5085, or 5086.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment**

**January 28 – February 1, 2008 in San Diego, CA**

Sponsored by various government and local organizations, this conference focuses on establishing and improving multi-disciplinary best-practice efforts to prevent, recognize, investigate, prosecute, and treat of all forms of child and family abuse. Highlighted topics include: child fatality investigations; child abuse and disabilities; child trafficking; the Adam Walsh Act; sex offender treatment; domestic violence; and child welfare.

For more information: <http://chadwickcenter.org/conference.htm>.

### **Getting it Right: Solutions for Safer Communities (2008 Northeast Regional Conference)**

**January 29-31, 2008 in Hartford, CT**

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, this conference addresses the latest issues faced by law enforcement and criminal justice professionals. The conference guarantees to offer best practices and resolutions for emerging and recurring concerns. Topics include: violent crime; campus safety; grants management; intervening in drug markets; justice funding; justice information sharing; intelligence led policing; methamphetamine; and specialized responses for the mentally ill.

For more information: <http://www.bjaregionalmeetings.com/>.



## **U.S. Department of Defense Cyber Crime Conference 2008**

**January 14-28, 2008 in St. Louis, MO**

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center, this conference focuses on all aspects of computer crime and, more specifically, on new approaches and perspectives in combating such crimes today and in the near future. Topics discussed include: intrusion investigations, cyber crime law, digital forensics, information assurance, research and development, and training.

For more information: <http://www.technologyforums.com/8CC/>.

## **News**

### **Trooper Pursuit Policy Revised**

***The Boston Globe*, November 11, 2007**

According to *The Boston Globe*, Massachusetts State Police officials recently updated the agency's high-speed pursuit policy in an effort to place increased emphasis on potential risks to the public. New additions to the policy state that "a motor vehicle pursuit is justified when the necessity of the apprehension of a suspect outweighs the risk created by the pursuit," and require that troopers remain in frequent contact with supervisors at all points during a pursuit, any chase involving a misdemeanor or nonviolent felony must be stopped when the suspect enters a densely populated area or heavily congested roadway, and officers in pursuit must provide assistance to any civilian vehicle involved in a crash, with assistance to injured people taking precedence over continuing the pursuit. In addition, an internal committee has also been formed to evaluate pursuits to ensure officers are complying with these new guidelines.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/11/11/trooper\\_pursuit\\_policy\\_revised/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/11/11/trooper_pursuit_policy_revised/).

### **Patrick Files \$1 Billion Bond Bill**

***The Republican*, November 17, 2007**

A \$1.1 billion bond bill was recently filed by Governor Deval Patrick to support public housing improvements, decrease homelessness, and enhance communities in the Commonwealth, reports *The Republican*. The bill provides \$500 million to repair and renovate public housing developments, \$200 million to create and preserve affordable housing for low-income families, \$175 million for buying, maintaining, and restoring affordable housing, \$100 million to improve group homes and other housing for disabled people and the mentally retarded, and \$55 million for the Community Development Action Grants, a program that offers funding to municipalities mainly for infrastructure projects. It is estimated that the bill will create approximately 4,000 construction jobs in the state over the next 5 years.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-2/1195289472171370.xml&coll=1>.

### **Police to Search for Guns in Homes**

***The Boston Globe*, November 19, 2007**

According to *The Boston Globe*, a new initiative recently unveiled by Police Commissioner Edward Davis allows detectives into the homes of parents in high-crime neighborhoods to search for guns in their teenager's bedrooms. Plainclothes officers traveling in groups of three will approach parents or legal guardians to ask their permission to search their teenager's bedrooms without a warrant. If permission is refused, the officers will leave. If a firearm is found, the teen will not be charged with unlawful gun possession unless the gun is found to be associated with a crime.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/11/17/police\\_to\\_search\\_for\\_guns\\_in\\_homes/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/11/17/police_to_search_for_guns_in_homes/).

### **Surveillance Cameras OK'd for Pelham High**

***The Lowell Sun*, November 18, 2007**

In a unanimous vote by the School Board, Pelham High School will have four high-resolution cameras installed around the perimeter of the school, reports *The Lowell Sun*. The cameras, which come at no cost to the school district, will monitor parking lots and the entrances and exits of the school and will be fitted with infrared illuminators so that they can remain active at night. The state-of-the-art cameras are being funded through a U.S. Department of Justice grant and the Pelham police department.

Access full text at: [http://www.lowellsun.com/local/ci\\_7498799](http://www.lowellsun.com/local/ci_7498799)

### **Policy Defines Trooper Role on Immigration**

***The Boston Globe*, November 24, 2007**

According to *The Boston Globe*, a new policy introduced in Massachusetts restricts interactions between state troopers and federal immigration authorities. Under the new policy, troopers can ask an individual's immigration status as long as the information is pertinent to an investigation and only if the troopers have a "reasonable suspicion" that a state or federal criminal law has been violated or if he or she is a threat to public safety. For help investigating cases, federal immigration authorities may be contacted by troopers only once they have a supervisor's permission.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/11/24/policy\\_defines\\_trooper\\_role\\_on\\_immigration/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/11/24/policy_defines_trooper_role_on_immigration/).

### **Child Spanking Bill Taken to Woodshed**

***The Republican*, November 28, 2007**

A bill that prohibits corporal punishment in the home on children under the age of 18 is scheduled to be discussed at the Statehouse this month, states *The Republican*. If the Legislature passes the bill, which lawmakers have described as vague, Massachusetts will become the first state in the U.S. to make corporeal punishment a crime. A similar proposal was rejected by the Legislature in 2005.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-11/1196238053196580.xml&coll=1>.

### **U.S. Attorney Announces Anti-Gang Grants for Massachusetts**

***The Boston Herald*, November 28, 2007**

Eleven cities across the state will receive approximately \$1 million in funding to combat gang violence, states *The Boston Herald*. The grants funds, supplied by the Project Safe Neighborhood and Anti-Gang Initiative, will aid law enforcement and community or faith based programs in reducing crime and gang violence. Cities receiving funding include Boston, Brockton, Fall River, Haverhill, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, New Bedford, Springfield, and Worcester.

Access full text at: <http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/politics/view.bg?articleid=1047676>.



### **Mayor Wants Mandatory Drug Testing for Firefighters**

***The Boston Herald*, November 30, 2007**

A new report commissioned by the Mayor's office recommends that the state require firefighters to pass regular fitness testing, have annual physicals, and submit to random drug and alcohol testing, reports *The Boston Herald*. Based upon previous studies of the Boston Fire Department, the report suggests tools to enhance safety and accountability and reduce alcohol and drug abuse within the department. Additional recommendations are for the Boston Fire Department to improve day-to-day management and diversity.

Access full text at: <http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/general/view.bg?articleid=1048042>.

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